

CHAPTER 5: *VISITING THE DENTIST*

Summary of story so far

Belle and her family are working to find the owner of the denture plate that their dog Roscoe brought home after a few days of wondering. They first check with the neighbors and then put an ad in the paper. Grandma visits and Belle learns she wears a denture plate too.

Preview

How much do you pay attention to teeth? What specific characteristics do you notice about people's teeth?

Vocabulary

1. receptionist (*person who runs the front desk in a business*)
2. reassuringly (*to convince in a comforting way*)
3. impatiently (*having trouble waiting*)
4. gigantic (*very big*)
5. relayed (*passing along*)
6. insert (*to place into*)

Questions

1. Why is Rosa Butler reluctant to tell Dr. Trbovich about the visitors? (*doesn't want to bother her if it's not important*)
2. What is the cost of dentures today, according to the dentist? (\$1600)
3. What new technology would help prevent a problem with lost dentures? (*laser ID on each denture that would be connected to owner*)
4. What is the "cliff-hanger" at the end? Why does the author use this technique? (*denture is missing. To keep the reader interested and anxious for next chapter*)

Follow-up

Look at images of dentures online. See if you can tell the difference between an upper and a lower? If possible, invite a dentist to visit and explain how a denture is made.

Research denture ID. How does it work? How much is it used today?